



**JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of **JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY** held its Summer Quarterly Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of Meehan Hall on July 16, 2024, **commencing at 10:30 a.m. CDT.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Presiding Chair Jones officially called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone present. Trustee Brown opened the meeting with an invocation.

**ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

The Chairman directed Dr. Killingsworth, Secretary to the Board, to call the roll. The following members were present:

Randall E. Jones, Chairman  
Senator Vivian D. Figures, Vice Chair  
Mr. Greg Brown  
Mr. Clarence Daugette, III  
Mr. Rusty Fuller  
Mr. Drew Linn  
Mrs. Gale S. Main  
Mr. Tony Smoke

The Trustees listed above constitute a quorum for conducting business. Trustees Ingram, Trustee Owen, and Ex-officio member Governor Ivey were absent. Others present included Mrs. Kristi Killingsworth, First Lady; university faculty, staff, and students; members of the public; and media representatives. Chairman Jones acknowledged Dr. Heidi Dempsey, President of the Faculty Senate, and Ms. Kaitlyn Letson, Student Government Association President (SGA).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Jones noted that a draft of the **April 30, 2024**, meeting minutes had previously been circulated through Diligent for review. He asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as distributed. Hearing none, the minutes were unanimously approved.

### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Figures, Vice Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee convened on July 15, 2024, and had **no action items** to bring before the Board.

Dr. Christie Shelton provided an overview of the committee meeting, highlighting the excellent opportunity to see interprofessional education within the College of Health Professions and Wellness and other campus groups and programs.

The Committee viewed video footage from the April active shooter simulation, which included participation from local law enforcement and first responders. The event was highly successful and received substantial feedback. The Committee is now exploring potential grant opportunities and planning for next year's event.

The Committee also celebrated Seth Johnson's recent Emmy win for his documentary "Defending Freedom," which focuses on civil rights lawyer Arthur Shores. As director of Long Leaf Studio, Mr. Johnson has received 13 Emmy nominations and has won five times.

Dr. Stone and Keaton Glass shared positive feedback about the GO orientation experience for families. The meeting concluded with general updates from Academic Affairs, including SGA and Faculty Senate reports.

### ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Main, Chair of the Advancement Committee, reported that the Committee met on July 15, 2024. She called upon Dr. Alan Medders to recap the meeting. Dr. Medders provided a summary. The topics discussed included the growth in the university's fundraising initiatives, staff expansion, and the creation of the JAX State Athletic Foundation.

The Committee reviewed ten resolutions and unanimously approved all ten. An additional resolution inadvertently omitted from yesterday's meeting agenda was presented to the Committee. The Advancement Committee unanimously approved this eleventh resolution as well. The Board then voted to adopt all eleven resolutions unanimously, separately, and collectively.

### RESOLUTION # 662

#### REX COPELAND ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Whereas*, the "**Rex Copeland Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund**", established by Emilea Smith Copeland to promote the education of deserving students enrolled at Jacksonville State University, has funded an endowed scholarship to memorialize her son, Rex Copeland.

*Be it further resolved* that the Rex Copeland Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund will be fully funded through a one-time total gift of approximately \$224,000.00 from the Estate of Danny Mark Smith, the uncle of Rex Copeland.

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares and shall henceforth memorialize Rex Copeland by awarding the scholarship as specified to a graduate of Jefferson County High School, to a student at Jacksonville State University who is a junior that

exhibits an academic aptitude of 3.0 or higher for this award. Providing a scholarship to a deserving JSU student is an appropriate tribute to Rex Copeland, a young man with a bright future, extinguished too soon.

*Be it further resolved* that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to Emilia Smith Copeland and the late Danny Mark Smith for their generous support of the university.

*This resolution* was presented on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

  
Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D.  
President

  
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President *Pro Tempore* of the  
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**RESOLUTION # 663**

**CORNUTT FAMILY MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

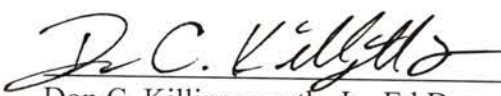
*Whereas*, the "**Cornutt Family Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund**," established by Bruce Cornutt, to promote the education of deserving students enrolled at Jacksonville State University, has funded an endowed scholarship to help financially support future students and leave a lasting legacy honoring his family name.

*Be it further resolved* that the Cornutt Family Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund will be fully funded through gifts totaling \$25,000.00.

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares and shall henceforth honor and memorialize the Cornutt Family by awarding the scholarship as specified to a graduate of an Etowah County High School, to a student enrolled at Jacksonville State University who exhibits an academic aptitude of 3.0 or higher for this award. Providing a scholarship to a deserving JSU student is an appropriate tribute to the Cornutt Family.

*Be it further resolved* that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to the Cornutt Family for their generous support of the university.

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**RESOLUTION #664**

**J. DENNIS POSS AND CAROL R. POSS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Whereas* the "**J. Dennis Poss and Carol R. Poss Endowed Scholarship Fund**," established by Mr. J. Dennis Poss, to promote the education of deserving students enrolled at Jacksonville State

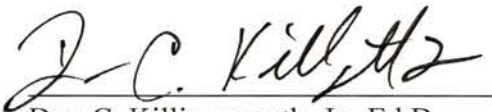
University, has funded an endowed scholarship to help financially support future students and leave a lasting legacy honoring J. Dennis Poss and Carol R. Poss.

**Be it further resolved** that the J. Dennis Poss and Carol R. Poss Endowed Scholarship Fund will be fully funded through a gift total totaling \$357,538.74.

**Therefore, be it resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares and shall henceforth honor and memorialize J. Dennis Poss and Carol R. Poss by awarding the scholarship as specified to Jacksonville State University students, either an undergraduate or graduate student, in good academic standing, with preferences given to "in state" students who are seeking terminal degrees in their chosen fields. Providing a scholarship to a deserving JSU students is an appropriate tribute to both J. Dennis Poss and Carol R. Poss.

**Be it further resolved** that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to J. Dennis Poss and Carol R. Poss for their generous support of the university.

**This resolution** was presented on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

  
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**RESOLUTION # 665**

**DREW AND JOY LINN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

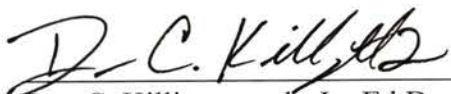
**Whereas** the "Drew '70 and Joy Linn Endowed Scholarship for Greatest Need Fund", established by Mr. Drew Linn, to promote the education of deserving students enrolled at Jacksonville State University, has funded an endowed scholarship to help financially support future students and leave a lasting legacy honoring Drew and Joy Linn.

**Be it further resolved** that the Drew '70 and Joy Linn Endowed Scholarship Fund for Greatest Need will be fully funded through a gift totaling \$30,000.00.

**Therefore, be it resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares and shall henceforth honor and memorialize Drew and Joy Linn by awarding the scholarship as specified to Jacksonville State University students, in good academic standing that have a proven financial need. Providing a scholarship to deserving JSU students is an appropriate tribute to both Drew and Joy Linn.

**Be it further resolved** that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to Drew and Joy Linn for their generous support of the university.

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**RESOLUTION #666**

**PHILIP T. AND DONNA W. MCCLELLAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

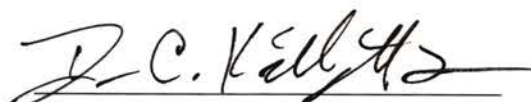
*Whereas* the "**Philip T. and Donna W. McClellan Endowed Scholarship Fund**," established by Mr. Philip T. and Mrs. Donna W. McClellan to promote the education of deserving students enrolled at Jacksonville State University, has funded an endowed scholarship to help financially support future students and leave a lasting legacy honoring Philip T. and Donna W. McClellan.

*Be it further resolved* that the Philip T. and Donna W. McClellan Endowed Scholarship Fund will be fully funded through gifts totaling \$25,000.00.

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares and shall henceforth honor and memorialize Philip T. and Donna W. McClellan by awarding the scholarship as specified to Jacksonville State University students, either a Freshman that has been accepted into or a member and resident of the Jones International House community, a student in good standing with the Jones International House and academic good standing with the university, awarded on an annual basis, alternating between an American and an international student each year, ensuring perpetual diversity in recipients. It shall be awarded in such a manner as to be as diverse as possible with respect to gender, nationality, major, etc. Providing a scholarship to a deserving JSU student is an appropriate tribute to Philip T. and Donna W. McClellan.

*Be it further resolved* that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to Philip T. and Donna W. McClellan for their generous support of the university.

*This resolution* was presented on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

  
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**RESOLUTION #667**

**MICHAEL E. AND VICKI M. McCORSLEY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

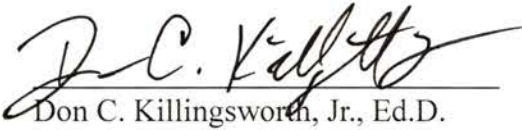
*Whereas* the "**Michael E. and Vicki M. McCorsley Endowed Scholarship Fund**," established by Michael E. and Vicki M. McCorsley, to promote the education of deserving students enrolled at Jacksonville State University, has funded an endowed scholarship to help financially support future students and leave a lasting legacy honoring Dr. Ronald Attinger.

*Be it further resolved* that the Michael E. and Vicki M. McCorsley Endowed Scholarship Fund will be fully funded through a gift totaling \$25,000.00.

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares and shall henceforth honor Dr. Ronald Attinger on behalf of Michael E. and Vicki M. McCorsley by awarding the scholarship as specified to a Jacksonville State University student, being from out-of-state and a member of one of the university bands or a music major. Providing a scholarship to a deserving JSU student is an appropriate tribute to Dr. Ronald Attinger.

*Be it further resolved* that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to Michael E. and Vicki M. McCorsley.

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**RESOLUTION #668**

**THOMAS R. AND HOLLY G. ELLIOTT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

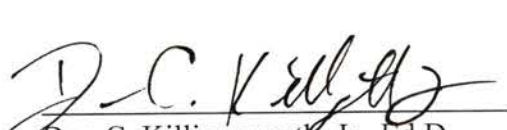
*Whereas*, the "**Thomas R. and Holly G. Elliott Endowed Scholarship Fund**," established by Thomas and Holly Elliott, to promote the education of deserving students enrolled at Jacksonville State University, has funded an endowed scholarship to help financially support future students and leave a lasting legacy honoring Thomas and Holly Elliott.

*Be it further resolved* that the Thomas R. and Holly G. Elliott Endowed Scholarship Fund will be fully funded gifts totaling \$50,000.00.

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares and shall henceforth honor and memorialize Thomas R. and Holly G. Elliott by awarding the scholarship as specified to a Jacksonville State University student who has a demonstrated financial need and participates in the federal work-study programs on campus. Providing a scholarship to a deserving JSU student is an appropriate tribute to Thomas R. and Holly G. Elliott.

*Be it further resolved* that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to Thomas R. and Holly G. Elliott.

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**RESOLUTION #669****COACH MARK AND DAWN SANDERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**


*Whereas* the "**Coach Mark and Dawn Sanders Scholarship Fund**", established by Mark and Dawn Sanders to promote the education of deserving students enrolled at Jacksonville State University, has funded an annual scholarship to help financially support future students and leave a legacy honoring Mark and Dawn Sanders.

*Be it further resolved* that the Coach Mark and Dawn Sanders Annual Scholarship Fund will be fully funded through a gift totaling \$2,500.00.

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares and shall henceforth honor Coach Mark and Dawn Sanders by awarding the scholarship as specified to a Jacksonville State University student who is a full-time student, a Junior or a Senior, majoring in Health and Physical Education and has a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.75. By providing a scholarship to a deserving JSU student, it is an appropriate tribute to Coach Mark and Dawn Sanders.

*Be it further resolved* that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to Coach Mark and Dawn Sanders.

*This resolution* was presented on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

  
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**RESOLUTION #670****SHELBY B. HAWKINS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Whereas* the "**Shelby B. Hawkins Endowed Scholarship Fund**", established by Larry E. Hawkins, to promote the education of deserving students enrolled at Jacksonville State University, has funded an endowed scholarship to help financially support future students and leave a legacy memorializing Shelby B. Hawkins.

*Be it further resolved* that the Shelby B. Hawkins Endowed Scholarship Fund will be fully funded through gifts totaling \$25,000.00.

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares and shall henceforth memorialize Shelby B. Hawkins by awarding the scholarship as specified to a Jacksonville State University student to aid in the recruiting and/or retention of students in the College of Educations and Professional Studies, with priority given to a student(s) from Southside High School and /or Westbrook Christian School; second priority to a student who attended an Etowah County high school. Providing a scholarship to a deserving JSU student is an appropriate tribute to Shelby B. Hawkins.

*Be it further resolved* that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to Larry E. Hawkins.

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**RESOLUTION #671**

**RED TIE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

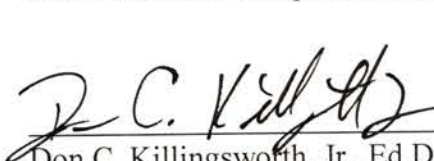
*Whereas* the "Red Tie Endowed Scholarship Fund", established by the Red Tie event donors, to promote the education of deserving students enrolled at Jacksonville State University, has funded an endowed scholarship to help financially support future students and leave a legacy honoring the generosity of the Red Tie Annual Event donors.

*Be it further resolved* that the Red Tie Endowed Scholarship Fund will be fully funded through gifts totaling \$25,000.00.

*Therefore, be it resolved,* that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares and shall henceforth honor and memorialize the Red Tie annual event donors by awarding the scholarship as specified to a Jacksonville State University student who embodies the spirit of the annual Red Tie event, a service-oriented student who's actively participating in on and off campus community-based programs and is in good standing with the university. Providing a scholarship to a deserving JSU student is an appropriate tribute to the annual Red Tie event donors.

*Be it further resolved* that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to the annual Red Tie donors.

*This resolution* was presented on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

  
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**RESOLUTION #672**

**TONYA McGOWAN SCHOLARSHIP**

*Whereas*, Ms. Tonya McGowan, an alumna of Jacksonville State University from Calhoun County, Alabama, graduated from the Anniston City School System and earned a bachelor's degree in computer science information systems from Jacksonville State University. She was later employed as the Advisor of the Small Business Development Center located on the campus of JSU.

*Whereas* Ms. Tonya McGowan was dearly loved by her family, friends, faculty, and fellow staff on campus. The Jacksonville State University College of Business and Industry employees and friends, hereby request a memorial bench be located in the northwest area of Merrill Hall, outside

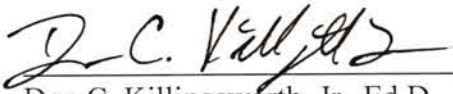


of the Small Business Development Center Suite, in memory of Tonya McGowan, as an appropriate tribute to her, a young woman with a bright future, extinguished too soon.

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that an outdoor memorial bench and tree shall henceforth be named in memory of Ms. Tonya McGowan.

*Be it further resolved* that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest sympathy to Ms. McGowan's family, friends, and associates.

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**Coming from the Advancement Committee, the motion did not require a second.**

#### **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Trustee Fuller, Vice Chair of the Athletic Committee, reported that they met on July 15, 2024, and had a productive meeting with **no action items**. He announced that the Jax State Bowling Team, the NCAA National Champions, has been invited to the White House for National Champions at College Day. The Committee also introduced Eli Gold as the new sports announcer for Athletics.

#### **AUDIT, RISK, AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Brown, Chair of the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee, reported that the Committee had an excellent meeting on July 15, 2024. The Committee received a comprehensive update from Mr. Skip Clark. His report covered two main areas:

1. Internal audit activities since the last meeting.
2. Anticipated activities for the upcoming 90 days.

The Committee also reviewed a newly created dashboard developed by the administration. Committee members will have regular access to this dashboard, allowing for ongoing monitoring of relevant information. While there is significant activity in the Audit, Risk, and Compliance areas, the Committee concluded with **no action items** to report.

#### **BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Smoke, Chair of the Building and Finance Committee, reported that the Committee convened on July 15, 2024, and considered four **action items**, which the Committee unanimously approved. **Trustee Smoke moved for the Board's approval, and the following action items were unanimously adopted, separately and collectively.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Approval of the West Village Housing Project validation documentation.
2. Approval of the 2024 Regions Bank Line of Credit Renewal Resolution & Agreement.
3. Approval of the 403b CapTrust Investment Monitoring Tool.
4. JSU Foundation Gift Agreement.
5. Approval of the Academic Year 2024-2025 Proposed Military General University Fee
6. Approval of the Proposed Academic Year 2025-2026 College of Business & Industry Program Fees.
7. Approval of the proposed Academic Year 2025-2026 Proposed Graduate Tuition & GUF Package Pricing.

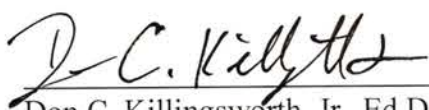
**MOTION for Adoption of Academic Year 2024 and 2025 Military/ Special Service, Graduate Tuition Package Pricing University Fees**

*Whereas*, the Board of Trustees has the authority to approve tuition and fees,

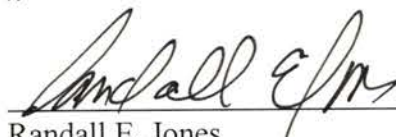
*Whereas*, the Board of Trustees recognizes the increasingly important role that revenue from tuition and fees plays in ensuring educational excellence and innovation, and

*Whereas*, the Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining access to and affordability of its high quality programs.

*Therefore, be it resolved* that the Board of Trustees approves the AY2024 and AY2025 student tuition and fees as presented on July 16, 2024.



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**Chairman Jones offered an opportunity for discussion and comments. The motion from the Building and Finance Committee did not require a second.**

**THE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*(The records of the Board Committee meetings are in the respective committee meeting minutes, which are on file in the Office of the President.)*

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President's Report highlighted several key points:

- The Supreme Court will hold oral arguments on September 17 at Houston Cole Library.
- Riley Hulsey and Officer Michael DeVoe were commended for their heroic actions during a fire at Cornell Hall.

- A Staff Council was established to represent staff members and will formally establish by-laws and organizational structure in the upcoming year.
- Chief Barton presented the Staff Council Constitution for approval. **Trustee Daugeette moved to approve the constitution, seconded by Trustee Fuller. All were in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.**
- Dr. Bodford shared highlights from a recent trip to France, which included performances and historical visits. The trip involved 478 participants, including alumni, parents, and administration.
- The first significant performance occurred at the British American Cemetery, with additional visits to Utah and Omaha Beach.
- The most memorable performance occurred at Saint Mary Calist, where the band received a standing ovation.
- The trip concluded with a special ceremony at the D-Day parade.

Dr. Killingsworth recently visited Fort Knox to observe the ROTC program's Summer basic and advanced training camps. Here's a summary of the report:

- 18 cadets from the ROTC program are participating in the summer training camps.
- Dr. Killingsworth attended the graduation ceremony, where two cadets completed their advanced training.
- The ROTC program has a new leader, Eddie Walker, a professor of military science who started on July 1st.
- The university is proud of the ROTC program's achievements and future potential.
- The program aims to continue leading the state in commissioning second lieutenants upon completion.

His report highlights the university's commitment to its ROTC program and cadets' military training success.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:30 a.m., Chairman Jones made a motion to enter into an Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss the general reputation and character of certain individuals and 2) to discuss with the University counsel legal ramifications and options on certain matters as outlined in Alabama Code 36-25A-7(a)(3). A written opinion from counsel was secured for the University that such an exception applies to the planned discussion. **The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and approved unanimously.**

The Chairman called for a Roll Call vote. President Killingsworth called for a roll of voting to approve the executive session. The following people voted:

Randall E. Jones, Chairman	Yes
Mr. Greg Brown	Yes
Mr. Clarence Daugeette, III	Yes
Senator Vivian D. Figures	Yes

Mr. Rusty Fuller	Yes
Mr. Drew Linn	Yes
Mrs. Gale S. Main	Yes
Mr. Tony Smoke	Yes

**Chairman Jones reported a unanimous vote for the Executive Session and stated that the Board members would return for a public vote on any actionable items.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED**

The executive session adjourned at 12:27 pm with no other business to discuss.

#### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon returning from the executive session with a quorum present, Chairman Jones reported that the Board has three action items.

#### **MOTION RELATING TO EXPLORATION OF PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY**

Trustee Brown moved to authorize the President of the University to enter into negotiations for a conditional agreement for the purchase of certain real property adjacent to the University, provided that any agreement related to the same shall be expressly conditioned upon the approval of this Board and the completion of all necessary due diligence required by this Board's Policy. Senator Figures seconded the motion. **All were in favor, None Opposed. The motion carried.**

**Trustee Smoke moved to adopt the following resolution, which Trustee Daugette seconded. All were in favor, and None Opposed. The motion carried.**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GROUND LEASE OF PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRE STATION**


*Whereas*, by a vote taken at the Board meeting on January 9, 2024, this Board authorized the President of the University to negotiate a ground lease of University property to the City of Jacksonville for the construction of a new fire station;

*Whereas*, the new fire station will enhance public safety not only for the University but the surrounding community;

*Whereas*, the President of the University has presented this Board with a lease for this purpose for final approval, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto;

***Therefore, it is resolved that the lease is approved and that the university president is authorized to execute it on behalf of the university.***

***This resolution*** was presented on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.



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### Partnership with America's First Credit Union (AmFirst)

Trustee Daugeette reported that Jacksonville State University has been in discussions with America's First Credit Union regarding two key agreements:

1. A naming and sponsorship agreement for the JAX State football stadium.
2. Opening an AmFirst branch on campus to serve the university community.

### Motion to Authorize Agreements

Trustee Daugeette moved to authorize the university president to execute the following agreements on behalf of the University:

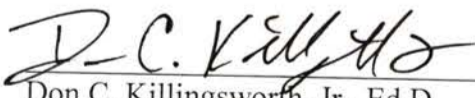
1. ATM deployment lease agreement.
2. Stadium naming and sponsorship agreement.
3. Lease agreement for property located at 894 Pelham Road.

**A motion was made and properly seconded. All were in favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried.**

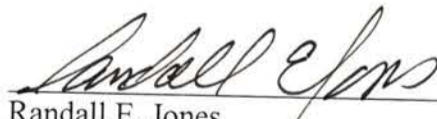
Chairman Jones expressed enthusiasm for the partnership and invited Mr. Conner, President of America's First Credit Union, to address the group. Mr. Conner, speaking on behalf of their Board of Directors and members, conveyed excitement about collaborating with Jacksonville State University. He emphasized their commitment to investing in the university over the coming years, aiming to provide financial services to the campus community, including students, faculty, and administration. Mr. Conner also highlighted their goal of fostering a strong working relationship and expressed hope for a long-term partnership with the university.

President Killingsworth then remarked that it had been a considerable time since the stadium had an official name. He stated that he couldn't think of a more suitable partner than America's First Credit Union, noting their status as one of the longest-serving credit unions in Alabama.

The Board of Trustees had no further business. By consent, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm. The next meeting will be on October 14-15, 2024, at Little River Canyon in Fort Payne, Alabama.



Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D.  
President



Randall E. Jones  
President *Pro Tempore* of the  
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